



# Christmas

at GPS Faith Community

December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

## What's New

The month of December can feel full. All the holiday preparations, the to do lists, the get togethers, presents to buy and more can make the month feel almost overwhelming. This year at GPS we want to help with some of that by slowing down a little on Sunday's and focusing in on how we prepare/live into these moments. The season of Advent is rich with meaning and gives us a chance to spend time in a new way. Join us for the first Sunday as we celebrate after service with some 'Carols and Cookies.' Then on the second Sunday we will spend time focusing in on Preparing with Hope/Peace and finish off our third week (December 21) with the Kids Christmas Program as we get a chance to experience the story in a new way. Then finish off the month of celebrating on Christmas Eve at our Candlelight service at 6 pm.

## Pastors Message

GPS Family (God's People Serving),

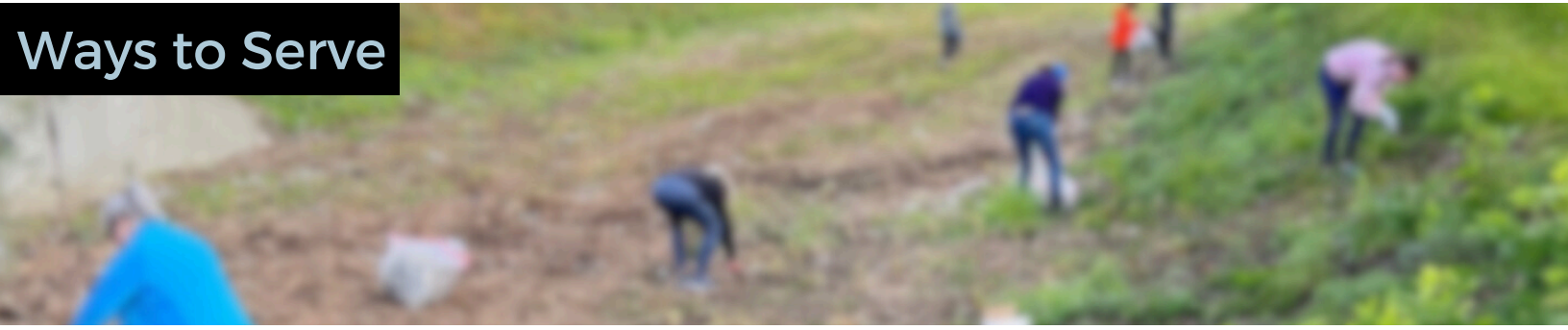
Preparing is half the battle. When going on a long trip, starting a new thing or making a meal the prep work is essential to all of it. So as we go through the season our prep work is key to how we experience or simply go along for the ride. I wonder what it might look like for you to see the month of December differently in light of the story of Jesus and in light of God's ever present presence within/around you? What might it look like to prepare with Hope in mind? To prepare with God's peace as our understanding and with joy being our ever present reality? It is no wonder this season seems to take over and drive the bus but God gives us a new way of being every day to simply be and not always feel that we need to do. My hope for you in this season is that God's presence, love, and story would light your way as well as slow you down. And may God's kindness attend to you in this season that can be full of all sorts of emotions.

In God's generous Love,

*Pastor Brandon Nelson*

"May the God of Green  
Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace"  
(Romans 15:13)

# Ways to Serve



## OUR COMMUNITY

**Senior Center:** The Senior Center at GPS meets every week on Tuesday's. They would love for you to join them for some games and time together. It is a great way to connect with others and have some fun. They meet every Tuesday from 10 am -2 pm.

**Serving Our Neighbors:** The neighborhood bordering GPS is in need of some yard/house work. From time to time we will get small jobs that need doing like weed pulling, house painting, small handy jobs and more. If available and/or interested please email [info@gpsfaith.com](mailto:info@gpsfaith.com) or fill out the online form [HERE](#)

## OUR CHURCH

**13th Month Giving:** As we look to the end of 2025 and the beginning of a new year we would love for you to consider a gift to help us end the year well and begin the new year with some financial momentum. Throughout the month of December and into January pray how you might be able to give. We will have 13 month offering envelopes available for these gifts.

**LSSI Angel Tree:** We are still in need of some of the LSSI gifts to be brought back if you still have not let Pastor Brandon know so we can make arraignments to get them where they need to for the holiday.

**Audio/Video Position:** We are looking for someone who is interested in taking on our audio/video/online worship experience at GPS. If you are interested or know of someone please email [pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com](mailto:pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com). The details for the position are found [HERE](#).

## Giving

### October Giving Numbers

Expenses: \$21,079 Giving: \$20,743

# Ways to Connect

## SMALL GROUPS & BOOK STUDY GROUPS

(HERE ARE OUR GROUPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY MEETING)

**Wednesday Morning:** Are you interested in digging deeper into the Sunday reading before we get to Sunday? This group meets weekly at 10:00 am on Wednesday to go through the readings for Sunday spending time digging deeper into God's word. If interested send an email to [pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com](mailto:pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com)

**Faithful Readers Book Club:** Interested in joining? email [info@gpsfaith.com](mailto:info@gpsfaith.com)

**Water Walkers:** Currently meeting at GPS after Sunday service. Interested email [info@gpsfaith.com](mailto:info@gpsfaith.com)

**Second Sunday:** Are you interested in studying a book together after service? We will be starting a new book study that will meet every second Sunday after service. Interested email [info@gpsfaith.com](mailto:info@gpsfaith.com). We begin with our first meetup on December 14.

**GPS Families:** Are you a family here at GPS or know of a family that is longing for connection? We have a group of families where they take time connecting through a meal, having fun with each other and activities. Children are welcome. Interested? Please email Pastor Brandon at [pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com](mailto:pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com)

## How to contact us...

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**Prayer:** In need of prayer please email us at [prayer@gpsfaith.com](mailto:prayer@gpsfaith.com) or call us at the church office and leave a message at (779) 221-8491

**Hospitalized:** If you are in the hospital and would like to be on our prayer chain or have a pastoral visit, please call the church office at (779) 221-8491. Also, please notify the hospital of your affiliation with GPS Faith Community when you check in.

**Worship Every Sunday**  
**Online and In-Person at 9:30 am.**

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# THE CHRISTMAS STORY

*shared by GPS Faith Kids*

Youth & Kids

## December 21st

### Coming Up

We have had a great time learning about God's story together so far this year. We are nearing the holiday season and our Christmas program. As we do we would love to have your student involved in practices and for the performance on December 21.

### Sunday School (Pre-K-5th grade)

We are gearing up for our Christmas program and as we do here are a few dates to keep in mind. December 21 will be the program during worship service. December 14 will be our last practice after service and we begin practicing the song mid November. We would love to have as many as we can a part of this joyful part of our year.

### Pathwayz (6th grade-8th grade)

Confirmation is a 3 year program of faith formation at GPS. We meet directly after service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. If your student is entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next school year check in about the upcoming year.

### Compass (High School) Youth

At GPS we love growing in our faith together. This is a lifelong process and is important at every age. We will gather on the Last Sunday of every month directly after worship.

### Upcoming dates

**Every Sunday at 9:15**

**No Sunday school  
December 28 and  
January 4**

### Upcoming dates

**Classes Dec 7**

### Upcoming dates

**Second Sunday  
Dec 14**

# Upcoming Events



Join us after service for a fun filled get together with Christmas Carols and Cookies. This will be a great way to spread cheer together.



Join us on December 21 as our Sunday School age kids retell the Christmas story in new ways through song and story. This will be a great way to hear our shared story.



This season is full of joy and we would love to see some of your Christmas Spirit through your favorite festive apparel. We love to see all the ways that we spread cheer with what we wear.



Join us and invite a friend as we celebrate the birth of Hope into our world with Jesus. We will gather for our candle light service at 6:00. This is a great service to once again celebrate around the manger with family and friends.